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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UNESCO, AORG, PORG  
SUBJ: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO UNESCO

1. MEETINGS BEGAN WITH A 20 MINUTE SESSION WITH  
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE MORDECHI GAZIT AND GOI  
PERMREP JOFFE IN OFFICES OF PERMANENT DELEGATION.  
MEETING DID NOT GO INTO SUBSTANCE AND WAS MAINLY A  
CORDIAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN GAZIT AND AMBASSA-  
DOR YOUNG. AMBASSADOR GAZIT BRIEFLY OUTLINED GOI  
PROBLEMS WITH UNESCO, STRESSING CONDEMNATORY RESOLU-  
TION OF LAST GENERAL CONFERENCE ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.  
YOUNG RESPONDED IN GENERAL TERMS POINTING TO HIS LONG  
SUPPORT FOR GOI AND HOPING UNESCO ISSUES COULD BE KEPT  
FROM FURTHER CONFRONTATION. MEETING ENDED WITH EXCHANGE  
OF USUAL PLEASANTRIES.

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2. PRIVATE MEETING WITH DG M'BOW FOLLOWED AND LASTED  
FOR ABOUT 1/2 HOUR. A GENERAL MEETING WITH DG M'BOW,  
AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AMBASSADOR WELLS, PERMREP JONES AND  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOBES THEN WENT FOR ABOUT AN  
HOUR. M'BOW GAVE A TOUR D'HORIZON OF THE ISSUES OF IM-  
PORTANCE BETWEEN THE US AND UNESCO. HE STARTED BY COM-  
PLAINING THAT THE US HAS HAD A CONSTANT CHANGE OF

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND POINTED OUT THAT IN RECENT YEARS THE US MEMBER HAS SERVED ONLY FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. B'BOW CRITICIZED THIS STRONGLY.

3. M'BOW THEN WENT INTO AN EXPLANATION OF HIS VIEWS ON THE THREE ISRAELI ISSUES. HE GAVE THE HISTORY OF THE REGIONAL GROUP PROBLEM AND STATED THAT IT HAD NOW BEEN SOLVED. HE THEN TRACED HIS EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH GOI ON THE SENDING OF A TEAM TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE SAID THAT THE RABIN GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED UPON A TEAM, HOWEVER, WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT HE COULD NOT PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. ON JERUSALEM, M'BOW SAID THAT PROF. LEMAIRE HAD MADE NUMEROUS VISITS TO THE EXCAVATIONS AND THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT THE DIGS HAD CEASED. HE SAID HE WANTED TO ARRANGE A "DEAL" WHEREBY HE WOULD SEND SOMEONE TO CHECK THE EXCAVATIONS, PRESUMABLY LEMAIRE, WHO WOULD REPORT BACK THAT THEY HAD STOPPED. M'BOW WOULD THEN ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF THE MISSION AND THE GOI WOULD CONFIRM THEM. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT PROF. MAZAR WAS AGAINST THIS PROCEDURE AND THE PLAN DID NOT COME OFF. M'BOS STRESSED THAT HE HAD KEPT THESE PLANS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. M'BOW SAID HE WOULD NOW HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT DIRECTION THE EXCAVATIONS ISSUES TURNS.

4. ON POLITIZATION, THE DG GAVE A HISTORY OF POLITIZATION  
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TION OF UNESCO STARTING WITH THE US-SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS AT THE OUTSET OF THE KOREAN WAR. HE SAID THAT OPEN POLITICAL CONFLICTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT RAPID VOTING ON ISSUES BE PUT OFF. HE SAID HE SUPPORTED ATTEMPTS AT REACHING COMPROMISES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND POINTED TO THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS METHOD. HE HOPED THAT THE TREND TOWARD COMPROMISE AND CLOSED DISCUSSION WOULD CONTINUE.

5. FINALLY, M'BOW STRESSED UNESCO'S ROLE IN HUMAN RIGHTS. HE PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACIAL PREJUDICE.

6. AMBASSADOR YOUNG RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT HE THOUGHT MANY OF THE US PROBLEMS WITH THE UN SYSTEM BEGAN WITH THE VIET NAM WAR WITH A FEELING OF WANTING TO WITHDRAW FROM UN AFFAIRS. HE SAID THERE WAS A TIME WHEN WE COULD CONTROL VOTES, BUT NOW THE THIRD WORLD IN EFFECT HAS A VETO. HE SAID WE MUST WORK TO FIND CONSENSUS AND MUST BE WILLING TO WORK TOWARD CONSENSUS. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID HE HAS NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH

POLITIZATION OF THE UN SYSTEM. HE MENTIONED THE PLO SITUATION AT THE ECOSOC MEETING, WHERE STRONG EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO PUT THAT ISSUE OFF. HE SPOKE OF US PROBLEMS WITH OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, POINTING TO THE ILO. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID HE HOPED THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WOULD CONCENTRATE ON THEIR JOBS AND AVOID CONFRONTATIONS. HE SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW KIND OF RELATIONSHIP AND WANTS TO TAKE A BROAD VIEW OF THE UN SYSTEM.

7. M'BOW THEN RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE US CONTRIBUTION, AND STRESSED, THAT IN HIS VIEW, IT WAS A BINDING INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION. AMBASSADOR YOUNG RESPONDED BY POINTING OUT SOME OF THE VIEWS HELDY BY THE CONGRESS  
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TOWARDS PAYMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OUTLINING THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN THE US SYSTEM.

8. THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH EXCHANGES OF PLEASANTRIES.

9. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON AT THE RESIDENCE OF PERMREP JONES. THE GUEST LIST WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOUNG, AMBASSADOR HARTMAN, AMBASSADOR WELLS, MINISTER GAMMON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOBES, DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW, AMBASSADOR BLANKENHORN (FRG), EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN (UK), AMBASSADOR BOSSIER-PALUN (DAHOMEY), ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL NAJMAN (YUGOSLAVIA).

10. AT LUNCHEON M'BOW GAVE A TOUR D'HORIZON OF UNESCO AND THE MASS MEDIA, TRACING THE HISTORY OF THE MASS MEDIA ISSUE. HE OUTLINED UNESCO'S CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN PREPARING THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND IN SEEKING TO CONVENE THE GROUP OF "WISE MEN". M'BOW SAID HE FELT THE MASS MEDIA ISSUES WOULD BE RESOLVED TO THE GENERAL SATISFACTION OF ALL CONCERNED.

11. COMMENT: ON BALANCE VISIT TO UNESCO WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL, AMICABLE, CORDIAL, CANDID RELATIONS WITH DG AND OTHER UNESCO PRINCIPALS WERE ESTABLISHED.  
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